

Introduction of Informal Rationing.

Q.—173. Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA (Surathkal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to introduce informal rationing in some of the towns or panchayat areas of South Kanara District ;

(b) if so which are the towns and panchayat areas that are selected for informal rationing in South Kanara District ;

(c) under what conditions and circumstances the informal rationing would be introduced in these places ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (a).

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (a).

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.

Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN (Deputy Minister for Mines and Geology).—on behalf of the Deputy Minister for Minor Irrigation I beg to lay on the Table the additional information as promised in reply to Starred Question No. 261 of 13th List. * *

Members' Representations

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Sira).—I just want to draw the attention of the Hon'ble Speaker to an important matter on which the Deputy Minister for Municipal Administration has issued a policy statement about free water supply in Bangalore. You have observed that there is a ruling that policy statements cannot be made outside. The Chief Minister, however, intervened and said that he would look into the matter. In the Lok Sabha, the Hon'ble Speaker directed the Home Minister to make a statement by 3 p.m. because the matter was very urgent. Yesterday there was 'panjina meravanige' and all that. May I request the Hon'ble Speaker to let the Chief Minister or the Minister for Municipal Administration to make a statement in this regard.

ಶ್ರೀ ನಿಧಯ್ಯಕಾಶೀಮಠ (ಶಿರಹಟ್ಟಿ).—ಹಿಂದೆರಡು ದಿವಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಚೀಫ್ ಮಿನಿಸ್ಟರ್ ಅವರು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದರು. ಈಗರಾದರೂ ಒಂದು ಸ್ಟೇಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟಪಡಿಸುವುದು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There are two aspects to the question raised by the Hon'ble Members. One is with regard to the statement made by the Hon'ble Deputy Minister for Municipal Administration outside the House when the House is sitting. The other is in regard to the time when the statement is to be made. With regard to the first point, I have already observed that there are various rulings given by my predecessors. I have also said it. Therefore, I do not think I can usefully add to it. Perhaps the Hon'ble Member Sri Muckannappa suggested that the time factor has to be taken into account and in this connection he referred to a direction given by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha to an Hon'ble Minister of the Central Cabinet. I do not think a reference to that is at all necessary. I have absolutely no doubt in my mind that the matter is important. That is why I asked the Chief Minister also about it and what he said was that if he was to make a precise statement he could not be taken by surprise like that and that he would certainly deal with it. Unfortunately, to-day the Hon'ble Chief Minister is not here at present. I will get into touch with him and see how best and how earliest it can be done. Being a matter of great importance, it is but proper that the members of this House who are responsible and responsive to public opinion and who ought to guide the deliberations of the House should be apprised of the latest position in this behalf. The Hon'ble Ministers who are present on behalf of the Government will kindly convey this information to the Chief Minister so that the Chief Minister or the concerned Minister can make a statement tomorrow.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Re : Four Deaths at Wenlock Hospital, Mangalore.

Sri A. KRISHNA SETTY (Mangalore-II).—Sir, I call the attention of the Hon'ble Minister for Health to the four deaths of a family at the Wenlock Hospital, Mangalore on 24th March 1966.

Sri K. NAGAPPA ALVA (Minister for Health).—Sir, it is ascertained that four persons from Thokuru Village, Halsengadi P.L., viz. Smt. Nagu (mother), Thimmappa aged 12 years, Lalitha aged 10 years and Vasanth aged 9 years were brought to the Wenlock Hospital, Mangalore, South Kanara, at 1 p.m. on 24th March 1966. Smt. Nagu had died on the way and the other three died in the hospital subsequently in spite of the prompt medical attention rendered in the hospital.

On enquiry it is revealed that out of the six members of the affected family the four that were brought to the hospital were alleged to have consumed on the night of 23rd March 1966 the "Payasa" supposed to have been contaminated with poison.

The post-mortem of the dead bodies revealed that all the Viscera were highly congested indicating indigestion by highly irritant poison.